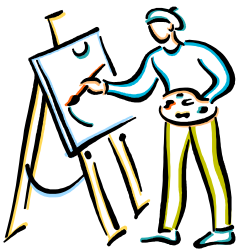




September 6, 2006

To All Interested Parties:



The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities is an independent State agency established by Federal and State law. Its mandates include: advocacy, systemic change and capacity building to promote self-determination, independence, productivity, inclusion, and integration for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.

The State Council is proudly announcing its fifth Poster Art Contest. The 2006 Poster Art Contest theme is: **“BE HEALTHY AND ENJOY LIFE”**.

Consistent with this theme and the Council’s Vision Statement, all Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as all Americans. Additionally, all Californians with developmental disabilities can live independently; exert control and choice over their own lives; and fully participate in all aspects of community life.

The previous State Council Poster Art Contest themes were: 2002 - **Hire Value**; 2003 - **Valued, Safe & Respected**; 2004 - **Yes I Can**; and 2005 – **Believe and Achieve**. The contest is open to all Californians with developmental disabilities who meet the eligibility requirements stated in the Entry Instructions. The purpose of the contest is to recognize and showcase the artistic talents of Californians with developmental disabilities; and to increase public awareness and understanding of all people with disabilities.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Eligibility**: There is no entry fee. Participants must be a resident of California and meet the federal definition of developmental disabilities. The federal definition is: *a person whose disability occurs before age 22, includes a mental or physical impairment or combination of both, and has a substantial limitation in three or more of the six major life areas of self-care, expressive or receptive language, learning, mobility, capacity for independent living, economic self-sufficiency, or self-direction*. The 2005 Honorable Mention recipients and all 2002, 2003, and 2004 winners are eligible to participate in the 2006 contest. First, Second and Third Place Winners in the 2005 contest, are not eligible to participate in the 2006 contest.

2. **Criteria:** All entrants must submit original artwork depicting the theme of: **“BE HEALTHY AND ENJOY LIFE”**.
3. **Art Specifications:** The artwork must be the **original work** of the artist and has not been published or reproduced. The eligible media is a work of art, which includes: drawings and paintings (watercolor, oil, pastels, pencil, charcoal, and acrylics). The size of the artwork can be no smaller than 8½” x 11” and no larger than 18” x 24”. Three-dimensional artwork no more than 2’x18” and no more than twenty-five pounds are permitted. Photography or clip art will not be accepted.
4. **Submission Requirements:** Each artist is limited to submitting one original piece of artwork. The artwork must be submitted in digital format on a compact disk with the Entry Form or a 2” x 2” 35 mm slide of the original artwork with the Entry Form, the slide must be mounted in plastic or a cardboard frame. The compact disk or slide must be labeled with the artist’s name, title of the artwork and its dimensions. Please make sure of the following:
 - **The lighting is correct and the picture is neither too bright nor too dark.**
 - **Use a neutral or non-distracting background.**
 - **Avoid covering the artwork with anything (such as glass or acetate) that will produce a glare.**
 - **DO NOT crop slides. People or other objects should NOT appear in slides or digital format.**
 - **Put an arrow on the front and top of the slide to indicate in which direction your artwork needs to be displayed.**

The applicant is responsible for the quality of their submission. The artwork must be clearly visible. The slides or digital format should be reviewed in plenty of time for it to be redone before the submission deadline. The submission of a slide or compact disk that is difficult to see will **NOT** be judged. Submissions will not be returned to the artists. Photographs and clipart are not allowed.

5. **Entry Form and Personal Statement:** The Entry Form must be completed in full, must be legible, and must include: (1) **Compact Disk or 2” x 2” 35 mm slide**; (2) **photograph of the artist**; and (3) a **narrative or personal statement** about the artist in no more than 300 words. Portions of the narrative or personal statement may be used to create an artist’s biography. Submitted materials will not be returned.
6. **Entry Deadline:** All entries and required submission materials must be received at the Council office, no later than **5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2006**, at the address below.

**2006 Poster Art Contest
State Council on Developmental Disabilities
1507 – 21st Street, Suite 210
Sacramento, California 95814
ATTN: Charlene Sanders**

7. **Entry Agreement:** The entrant must certify the following: *"I am the sole owner of the original artwork and it is my original artwork, and has never been exhibited or reproduced. I was not a First, Second, or Third Place Winner in the 2005 State Council on Developmental Disabilities Poster Art Contest. I have no contractual or other arrangements that would interfere with or prevent my submitted artwork to be displayed, reproduced and published exclusively without charge by the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities for promotional and educational purposes, including broadcast, print and electronic media. By submitting an entry, I agree with the terms and conditions for the 2006 Poster Contest. Selected artwork will be used for two years from the date of the award. Copyright of the original artwork shall remain with the artist. However, the winning artists shall not produce any replicas of the work without prior written approval from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for two years"*. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities reserves the right to exhibit the artwork without charge and reproduce the artwork for promotional and educational purposes, including broadcast, print, electronic media and the State Council's website.
8. **Prizes:** The State Council in collaboration with the California Arts Council will have a diverse panel of judges, including professional artists that will select the finalists for the 2006 Poster Art Contest. The First, Second and Third Place Winners will be honored at an event (to be announced at a later date) that will include an exhibition of selected artwork and is anticipated to be held in January 2007.



First Place:	\$ 999
Second Place:	\$ 500
Third Place:	\$ 250
Honorable Mention(s):	\$ 100

9. **Notification:** The finalists will be notified via letter and will be required to submit their original artwork or three-dimensional artwork. The location and date for the award presentation will be determined at a later date. The finalists will be solely responsible for the liability, insurance and shipping of their original artwork. Travel costs to the award presentation will be provided by the Council for each of the top three finalists and one companion.

The State Council appreciates and eagerly anticipates your participation in our 2006 Poster Art Contest (Entry Form enclosed). For additional information on the State Council please contact the State Council by **telephone:** (916) 322-8481; **fax:** (916) 443-4957; **e-mail:** council@scdd.ca.gov; or **website:** at www.scdd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Sascha Bittner
Council Chair

Enclosure